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TO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: REPLY FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT BANDA'S
CONDOLENCE MESSAGE RE CRASH OF TWA PLANE

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
FORD TO PRESIDENT BANDA:
QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF
OUR RECENT AIR TRAGEDY IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN ME IN THANKING YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE
FOR THE EXPRESSION OF CONCERN YOU HAVE SHOWN AT THIS TIME.

SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE

2. FYI, ON DECEMBER 3 MALAWI EMBASSY DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC
NOTE TO DEPT; WHICH CONTAINED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT BANDA:

QUOTE: I HAVE BEEN SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE VIOLENT DEATH
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OF OVER NINETY PEOPLE AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH OF A TRANS-

WORLD AIRLINES BOEING AIRCRAFT BOUND FOR DULLES AIRPORT.
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MALAWI JOIN ME IN EXTENDING
OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.
H. KAMUZU BANDA, LIFE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI
UNQUOTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO RELEASE BY GOM. KISSINGER

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